

**What is claimed is:**

1                   4.       The image forming device according to claim 1 wherein the  
2   imaging circuitry comprises printer circuitry configured to print hard images upon  
3   media.

1           6.       The image forming device according to claim 1 wherein the  
2   processing circuitry is configured to formulate the another consumable order assist  
3   function comprising an identifier of a purchaser of the imaging consumable, an  
4   identifier of the image forming device, and an identifier of the imaging consumable  
5   being monitored.

1           7.       The image forming device according to claim 1 wherein the  
2   processing circuitry is configured to formulate the another consumable order assist  
3   function comprising an identifier of the imaging forming device and an order for the  
4   imaging consumable being monitored, and the processing circuitry is configured to  
5   forward the order to a predetermined location.

1                   8.       An image forming system comprising:  
2                   an image forming device configured to consume an imaging  
3 consumable to form hard images, to monitor a status of the imaging consumable,  
4 and to store an initial variable configured to control the formulation of an initial one  
5 of a plurality of consumable order assist functions configured to assist  
6 replenishment of the imaging consumable; and

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1           14. The image forming system according to claim 8 wherein the  
2 image forming device is configured to formulate the another consumable order  
3 assist function comprising an identifier of a purchaser of the imaging consumable,  
4 an identifier of the image forming device, and an identifier of the imaging  
5 consumable being monitored, and the host device is configured to display the  
6 identifier of the imaging consumable and the purchaser of the imaging consumable.

1           15. The image forming system according to claim 8 wherein the  
2 image forming device is configured to formulate the another consumable order  
3 assist function comprising an identifier of the imaging forming device and an order  
4 for the imaging consumable being monitored, and the image forming device is  
5 configured to forward the order to a predetermined location.

1           16. A method of facilitating ordering of an imaging consumable  
2 useable within an image forming device comprising:

3           providing an image forming device configured to use an imaging  
4 consumable to form hard images;

5           providing an initial variable within the image forming device to control  
6 the formulation of an initial one of a plurality of consumable order assist functions  
7 configured to assist replenishment of the imaging consumable;

8           replacing the initial variable with another variable within the image  
9 forming device to control the formulation of another of the consumable order assist  
10 functions;

11           detecting an amount of the imaging consumable being at a  
12 predetermined status; and

13           generating the another one of the consumable order assist functions  
14 responsive to the detecting and the replacing.

1           17. The method according to claim 16 further comprising providing  
2 the another variable within the image forming device using a remote query  
3 language.

1           18. The method according to claim 16 wherein the providing  
2 comprises providing an image forming device comprising printer circuitry configured  
3 to print images upon media to form hard images.

1           19. The method according to claim 16 wherein the providing the  
2 initial variable comprises providing the initial variable to cause the image forming  
3 device to formulate the initial consumable order assist function to comprise an  
4 identifier of a supplier of the imaging consumable and an identifier of the imaging  
5 consumable.

1           20. The method according to claim 16 wherein the generating  
2 comprises formulating the another consumable order assist function to comprise  
3 an identifier of a purchaser of the imaging consumable, an identifier of the image  
4 forming device, and an identifier of the imaging consumable.

1           21. The method according to claim 16 wherein the generating  
2 comprises formulating the another consumable order assist function to comprise  
3 an identifier of the imaging forming device and an order for the imaging  
4 consumable.

1           22. The method according to claim 16 wherein the generating  
2 comprises generating using the image forming device.

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